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1. SUMMARY: TWO ROUNDS OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE RESOLU-
TION ON THE UNU (1466) AND THREE MEXICAN AMENDMENTS TO THAT
RESOLUTION HAVE RESULTED IN A REFORMULATION OF OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH 3 AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH.
THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CO-SPONSORS AND BY
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRG AND THE UK. USUN BELIEVES
THE RESOLUTION WILL BE ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS UNLESS THE USG
OBJECTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS OF CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN
PLACE ON RESOLUTION 1466 ON THE UNU AND THE AMENDMENTS PRO-
POSED BY THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO. AT THE FIRST SESSION ON
NOVEMBER 24, THE MEXICAN DELEGATION SUGGESTED THREE AMENDMENTS
TO THE DRAFT. THE FIRST WAS A NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WORDED
AS FOLLOWS:

"NOTING FURTHER THAT THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE CONCEIVED
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AS A COHERENT NETWORK OF CENTERS AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT

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THE WORLD, WELCOMES THE INITIATIVES TAKEN IN PURSUANCE OF THE INTEREST AND ASPIRATIONS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE THIRD WORLD."

THE SECOND AMENDMENT WOULD INVOLVE THE INSERTION OF A NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH BETWEEN EXISTING PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4. THE PARAGRAPH WOULD READ, "ENCOURAGES THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE ITS WORK WITHIN THE FRAME-WORK OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

FINALLY, THE THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF 1466 WOULD BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING WORDS AT THE END OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3; "...TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AS WELL, THE INTEREST AND ASPIRATIONS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE THIRD WORLD;".

3. THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, PRESIDED OVER BY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN VALDEZ, WERE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTTATIVES OF THE FRG, THE UK, ICELAND, SWEDEN, JAPAN, VENEZUELA, AND THE MEXI-CANS. OF THOSE, THE MOST ACTIVE MEMBERS WERE FROM THE FRG, VENEZUELA, AND MEXICO. THE MEXICAN DELEGATION WITHDREW THEIR SUGGESTED NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH FOLLOWING AN EXCHANGE IN WHICH VARIOUS DELEGATIONS QUESTIONED THE SENSE AND GRAMMAR OF THE AMENDMENT. THE AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 WAS FURTHER AMENDED TO REFLECT DELEGATIONS' SENSITIVITY TO MEN-TIONING "THE THIRD WORLD" AND OVEREMPHASIZING THE CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE PARAGRAPH NOW READS: "URGING THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY TO EMBARK ON ITS FULL ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE LINKS WITH INTER-ESTED AND QUALIFIED INSTITUTES ALL OVER THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SO AS TO RESPOND TO THE MOUNTING EXPEC-TATIONS OF THE WORLD UNIVERSITY, SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER INTELLEC-TUAL AND OTHER COMMUNITIES;".

4. AT THE NOVEMBER 24 CONSULTATIONS, THE MEXICANS WERE URGED TO DROP THEIR PROPOSED NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO THE NIEO BY THE DELEGATIONS OF JAPAN, ICELAND, GERMANY, AND THE UK. THE MEXICANS, HOWEVER, PERSISTED. AS A RESULT OF THE GIVE AND TAKE IN THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS, THE FOLLOWING REDRAFT EMERGED: "ENCOURAGES THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE
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ITS WORK WITHIN THE THREE BROAD AREAS OF PRIORITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 19 OF THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO TAKE DUE AC-COUNT OF, INTER ALIA, THE ISSUES MENTIONED IN THE PERTINENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;". AT THE NOVEM-BER 25 CONSULTATIONS, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRG AND THE UK, WHO HAD STRENUOUSLY OBJECTED TO THE ORIGINAL MEXICAN FORMULATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IMPINGED ON THE AUTONOMY OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY AND ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE

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UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY PROVIDING FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM, AGREED TO ACCEPT THE FORMULATION QUOTED ABOVE. THE JAPANESE AGREED TO THE REFORMULATION AS WELL. THE US REP SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER THE QUESTION TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

5. THE CONSULTATIONS HAVE DEVELOPED IN SUCH A WAY THAT UNLESS THE MEXICANS SHOULD REOPEN THE MATTER ON THE FLOOR, ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL LET THIS RESOLUTION PASS BY CONSENSUS. AT THIS LATE STAGE WE PLAN TO LET IT PASS UNLESS THE USG WISHES TO TAKE A DIFFERENT POSITION.
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